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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	133006.00006
First Inventor	Donald R. Addington
Title	System and Method of Manufacturing Character
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 22]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
22	-20* = 2	x 9 = 18.00	
Independent Claims	3	-3** = 0	x = 0.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051 130		2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1052 50		2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
1053 130		1053 130		Non-English specification
1812 2,520		1812 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination
1804 920*		1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805 1,840*		1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251 110		2251 55		Extension for reply within first month
1252 420		2252 210		Extension for reply within second month
1253 950		2253 475		Extension for reply within third month
1254 1,480		2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month
1255 2,010		2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month
1401 330		2401 165		Notice of Appeal
1402 330		2402 165		Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403 290		2403 145		Request for oral hearing
1451 1,510		1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452 110		2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453 1,330		2453 665		Petition to revive - unintentional
1501 1,330		2501 665		Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502 480		2502 240		Design issue fee
1503 640		2503 320		Plant issue fee
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1806 180		1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021 40		8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
1809 770		2809 385		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810 770		2810 385		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
1801 770		2801 385		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802 900		1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

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